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**ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS HELD ON A
UNIFORM ELECTION DATE BY CERTAIN POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS**

CHAPTER 549

H.B. No. 2027

AN ACT

relating to establishing precincts for elections held on a uniform election date by certain political subdivisions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 42.002, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The county election precincts are the election precincts for the following elections:

- (1) the general election for state and county officers;
- (2) a special election ordered by the governor;
- (3) a primary election;
- (4) a countywide election ordered by the commissioners court, county judge, or other county authority, except an election subject to Section 42.062(2); and
- (5) as provided by Section 42.0621, any other election held by ~~on the November uniform election date of~~ a political subdivision *on a uniform election date*, ~~other than a district that is created under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and is located in a county with a population of more than 2.3 million or a county adjacent to a county with a population of more than 2.3 million~~.

(c) Subsection (a)(5) does not apply to an election held on the May uniform election date by a political subdivision that:

(1) conducts early voting by personal appearance:

(A) at 75 percent or more of its permanent or temporary branch polling places on the same days and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early voting polling place; and

(B) at each remaining polling place for at least two consecutive days of voting during the early voting period, and for at least eight hours on each of the two consecutive days; or

(2) has not established a permanent or temporary branch early voting polling place.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 42.0621, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0621. **PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS HELD ON A UNIFORM ELECTION DATE** ~~[NOVEMBER ELECTION]~~.

SECTION 3. Section 42.0621(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In an election held on a ~~the November~~ uniform election date, the political subdivisions to which Section 42.002(a)(5) applies shall use the regular county election precincts.

SECTION 4. Section 43.004(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a political subdivision holds an election on a ~~the November~~ uniform election

date and is required to use the regular county election precincts, the political subdivision shall designate as the polling places for the election the regular county polling places in the county election precincts that contain territory from the political subdivision.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION
OF DIGITAL MAPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY
PLAT APPROVAL PROCESS**

CHAPTER 550

H.B. No. 2033

AN ACT

relating to authorizing counties to require the submission of digital maps in connection with the county plat approval process.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 232.001, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The commissioners court may require a plat application submitted for approval to include a digital map that is compatible with other mapping systems used by the county and that georeferences the subdivision plat and related public infrastructure using the Texas Coordinate Systems adopted under Section 21.071, Natural Resources Code. A digital map required under this subsection may be required only in a format widely used by common geographic information system software. A requirement adopted under this subsection must provide for an exemption from the requirement if the owner of the tract submits with the plat application an acknowledged statement indicating that the digital mapping technology necessary to submit a map that complies with this subsection was not reasonably accessible.

SECTION 2. Section 232.023, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The commissioners court may require a plat application submitted for approval to include a digital map that is compatible with other mapping systems used by the county and that georeferences the subdivision plat and related public infrastructure using the Texas Coordinate Systems adopted under Section 21.071, Natural Resources Code. A digital map required under this subsection may be required only in a format widely used by common geographic information system software. A requirement adopted under this subsection must provide for an exemption from the requirement if the subdivider of the tract submits with the plat application an acknowledged statement indicating that the digital mapping technology necessary to submit a map that complies with this subsection was not reasonably accessible.

SECTION 3. Section 232.072, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The commissioners court may require a plat application submitted for approval to include a digital map that is compatible with other mapping systems used by the county and that georeferences the subdivision plat and related public infrastructure using the